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H.B. No. 1532

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to posting notice of self-help resources on the Internet website of a state court and in the office of the court clerk.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter I, Chapter 51, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 51.808 to read as follows:

Sec. 51.808. NOTICE OF SELF-HELP RESOURCES. (a) The clerk of each court in this state shall:

(1) post on the court's Internet website, if any, a link to:

(A) the self-help resources Internet website of the Office of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial System described in Subsection (b);

(B) the Lawyer Referral and Information Service of the State Bar of Texas and any local lawyer referral service serving the county in which the court is located;

(C) the Internet website of any legal aid or pro bono organization that provides free legal services to indigent persons in the county in which the court is located; and

(D) any court-affiliated self-help center serving the county in which the court is located; and

(2) conspicuously display in the clerk's office in a location frequently accessed by the public a sign with the information described in Subdivision (1).

1 (b) The Office of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial
2 System shall develop and maintain a self-help resources Internet
3 website that includes information on and links to:

4 (1) the Lawyer Referral and Information Service of the
5 State Bar of Texas;

6 (2) the Referral Directory Legal Services and Other
7 Resources for Low-Income Texans of the State Bar of Texas;

8 (3) the State Law Library;

9 (4) the self-help website for this state's electronic
10 filing system;

11 (5) the programs and services section on the Internet
12 website of the supreme court; and

13 (6) any other self-help resource approved by the
14 office.

15 (c) The Office of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial
16 System shall prescribe the format for the information required
17 under Subsection (a).

18 SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date
19 of this Act, the Office of Court Administration of the Texas
20 Judicial System shall prescribe the format of the information
21 required under Section 51.808, Government Code, as added by this
22 Act.

23 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.